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Assistant Commissioner for Patents Washington, DC 20231

Dear Sir:

Preliminarily, please amend the subject patent application as described below.